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Fremont Defends Garbage Disposal Solution for Tri-Cities Area

Fremont, CA – February 4, 2004 – On January 16, 2004 the City of Newark filed legal action against the City of Fremont challenging the EIR prepared for the Revisions to the City of Fremont Waste Management System and the approval of the construction of an in-city transfer station and recyclable materials recovery facility to be located at 41149 Boyce Road in Fremont. The City of Fremont will defend this action vigorously.

The City of Fremont has been working for over ten years to develop alternative options for waste disposal in preparation for the impending closure of the Tri-Cities Recycling and Disposal Facility at the end of the year due to filled capacity. In December 2003, the Fremont City Council approved the construction of an in-city transfer station and recyclable materials recovery facility. After recyclable materials are removed, the remainder will be transferred to the Altamont Landfill in Livermore. By choosing a landfill within Alameda County, the fees collected by this site will benefit regional open space and County recycling programs.

Choosing an in-city transfer station and transporting waste to the closest regional landfill will ensure long-term garbage rate stability for Fremont's residents and businesses at one of the lowest disposal rates in Alameda County. The City will save approximately \$14 to \$15 million over the next 20 years compared to other alternatives available.

"We've known for a long time that our landfill will soon close affecting the whole tri-cities area. Only Fremont has invested the time, research, and funding to identify alternate means of disposing of our waste," said Mayor Gus Morrison. "It is critical we find a solution to meet the garbage disposal needs for Fremont, Newark, and Union City in a timely fashion. Newark is attempting to interfere with this process."

In the new transfer station contract, currently being negotiated, the operator will be required to commit to recycling an additional 12%, contributing to the City's already successful recycling program. Currently, Fremont residents and businesses divert approximately 64% of waste by recycling and waste reduction efforts, one of the highest diversion rates in Alameda County. The transfer station, expected to open in late 2004, will further support the City's increased recycling efforts.

Newark's lawsuit claims that the environmental document used in the approval process did not sufficiently explore the potential for odor, litter, and traffic impacts on Newark. Newark was represented at the Planning Commission and Council hearings and expressed its concerns during the entitlement process. The transfer station and recyclable materials facility is to be located within an existing building, currently zoned for general industrial uses. The City of Fremont's environmental document, prepared by David J. Powers and Associates, concluded that the odor, litter and traffic impacts will not be significant.

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